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FY10 President's Report

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Greetings

from the President

"Start near . . . Go far!" That's Mount Wachusett Community College's (MWCC) message and we take it seriously. Community colleges play an integral role in higher education. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities for all—those experiencing college for the first time, those seeking to pursue a degree or career, those re-entering the workforce, those looking to transform their lives.

As you read through this report, you will experience some of the many highlights of the past year and the ways we have made a difference. You will discover exciting new programs, achievements at the highest academic level, extraordinary commitment to community service, and you will have the opportunity to meet many of our faculty, staff and contributing partners. You will experience, at a glance, MWCC's demonstrated excellence in educating and preparing students, transforming their lives to meet the business and societal needs of the region and beyond. At MWCC, we educate the "whole person," offering plenty of student life opportunities, a full-service fitness center, the renowned Theatre at the Mount, and more.

As president of this fine institution for 23 years, I have witnessed much success, growth and transformation. Recently, MWCC has successfully integrated its 3 + 1 University College program with Nichols College and other baccalaureate institutions, and we continue to be a leader in online course offerings among community colleges in Massachusetts. Through the 3 + 1 program, students can complete their first three years toward a bachelor's degree at MWCC, and their fourth year at one of our partner institutions. In the area of renewable energy and conservation, we remain progressive and have begun construction of two wind turbines on the Gardner Campus.

Among the many accomplishments, however, none stand out as much as our ceremonial commencement and the joy I experience shaking the hands of hundreds of students whose lives have been forever changed because of MWCC. This gives me the most gratitude and the finest appreciation for the community college mission.

On behalf of the board of trustees and all of us at MWCC, I thank you for your continued support of our efforts in making a difference for so many.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Asquino, Ph.D.
President, Mount Wachusett Community College

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Education for a Changing Economy

Enrollment Reaches Record High

With the economy in a downturn and unemployment rates close to 10 percent, MWCC saw record numbers of students make the best of a bleak situation by returning to college. Students enrolled in MWCC in droves to gain new skills for when the economy turns around. MWCC saw a surge in all populations including nontraditional students (those 25 and older) returning to college to update their skills and traditional age students seeking to save money by completing their first two years at MWCC before transferring to a four-year college. Annual unduplicated headcount increased by 13 percent over FY09 for credit and noncredit enrollment.

Patrick Armstrong, Ayer

Turning Unemployment Into Opportunity

Patrick Armstrong of Ayer worked for 12 years as an environmental scientist, restoring brownfield sites. When the economy put the squeeze on capital funds for this type of work, Armstrong found himself among the unemployed.

"When I was looking into all the things I could do, I thought biotechnology would be the most suitable to the skills I had accumulated, with over a decade of experience. You couldn't help but hear about biotechnology in Massachusetts, and it definitely piqued my interest."

Armstrong had what he calls the "light bulb over your head moment" and made the transition back to college. "I was apprehensive at first, but once I got into the classroom, I saw that I wasn't the only older student. There were a lot of people like me, career changers. Whatever apprehension I had going in melted away the first day. **After earning a certificate in Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing in May, Armstrong landed an internship with Bristol-Myers Squibb in Devens.** He is on track to complete an associate degree by the end of the year.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Credit & Noncredit Headcount	8,313	8,968	10,124	11,000	10,748	12,340

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Earning Affordable, Transferable Credits

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A Haven for Veterans

Since the introduction of the Post 9/11 GI bill in August 2009, MWCC and colleges across the country are experiencing an influx of student veterans making the most of the new, expanded benefit package available to those who have served our country in the armed forces since Sept. 11, 2001. MWCC is also one of 1,100 colleges and universities participating in the Yellow Ribbon program, which offers additional tuition and fee assistance to eligible veterans.

Emily Lucas, Baldwinville

The Best & Brightest Turn to MWCC

The term "reverse transfer" refers to students who start out at a four-year college, but for one of any number of reasons decide to return home and enroll in their local community college. This was the case for Baldwinville resident Emily Lucas, an Honors student and 2009 graduate of Gardner High School. After a semester at New York University, she decided the environment did not suit her.

"I didn't like the class sizes. Some of my classes had 300 to 400 students, and I didn't get to know my teachers, which wasn't what I was used to coming from a small community." She enrolled at MWCC to earn transferable credits while determining her academic and career goals.

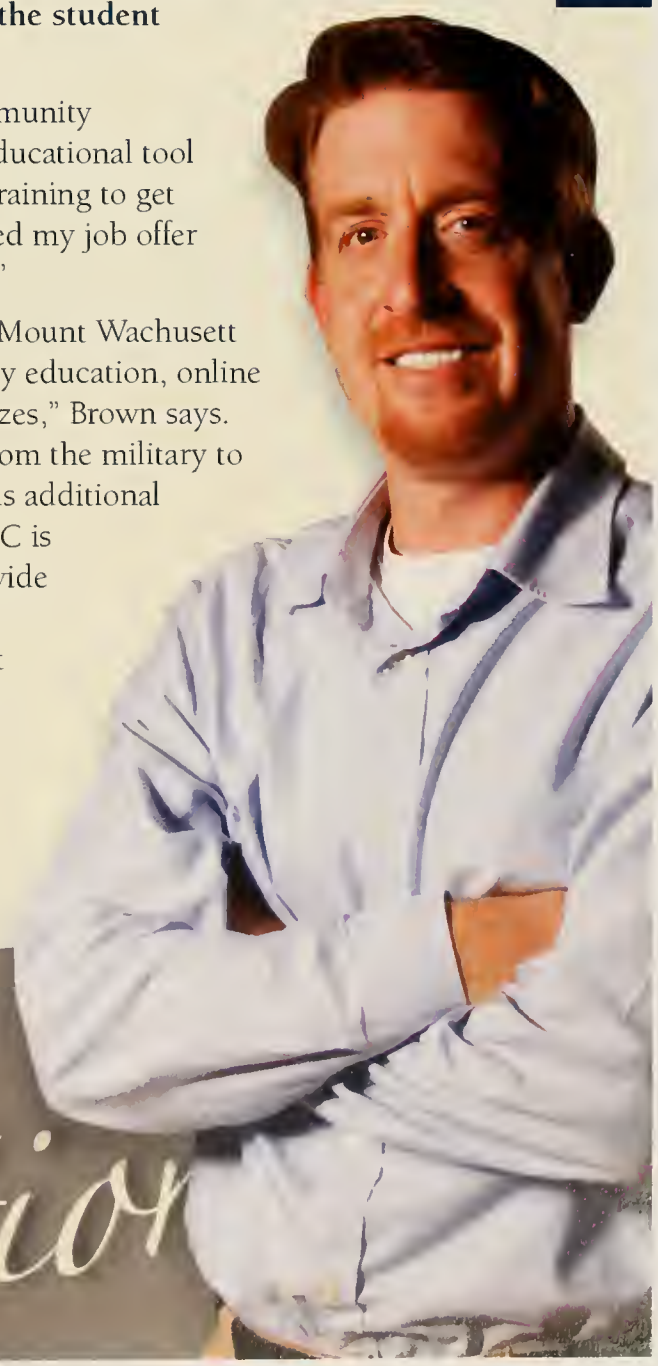
Persian Gulf War Veteran Finds New Direction

Christopher Brown of Westminster, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, graduated from MWCC this spring with an associate degree in Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA). He's now working full-time as a PTA, while pursuing a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services management at UMass, Amherst and volunteering on the board of directors for the local nonprofit Veteran Homestead, Inc.

At MWCC, Brown found the academic and support services he needed through the college's Visions Program, and founded the student Veterans' Group.

"Mount Wachusett Community College gave me every educational tool I needed, and practical training to get my job. I actually received my job offer before I even graduated."

"Veterans are coming to Mount Wachusett for convenience, a quality education, online classes and small class sizes," Brown says. "It is a good transition from the military to college. If a veteran needs additional support and help, MWCC is more than happy to provide it. At a larger university, you won't necessarily get that type of individual attention."



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Making Education Convenient

MWCC is committed to making education fit the lives of students. Courses are offered full-semester; in eight-week cycles; and day and evening at four campuses in Central Massachusetts. Also, MWCC's new 3+1 program allows students to complete three years at MWCC, and their final year at one of MWCC's partner institutions. As for online courses, 12 years ago, MWCC launched Internet-based learning with two courses. Today, the college offers 88 online courses and 14 programs that can be completed entirely online or almost entirely online.

3 + 1 Programs Mean Big Savings and Convenience for Students

Through MWCC's 3 + 1 program, students can complete their first *three* years toward a bachelor's degree at MWCC at MWCC prices. A growing number of MWCC students are choosing this new path to a baccalaureate degree through agreements with Nichols College in Dudley, Regis College in Weston, Saint Joseph's College in Maine and Franklin University in Ohio.

First 3 + 1 Graduate Gets "A Head Start on Life"

Eric Gendron is on a fast track to success. **In December 2009, at age 20, he became the first student to graduate from the 3 + 1 program with Nichols College, and was hired a few weeks later as a financial planner for a Massachusetts company.**

As a teenager, Gendron participated in a dual enrollment program at MWCC, earning 24 college credits while also completing his senior year at Quabbin Regional High School. He went on to earn an associate degree in Business Administration in 2008. From there, he enrolled in the 3 + 1 partnership with Nichols, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

"The program was a perfect fit for me," Gendron says. "It gave me a head start on life at a great savings."

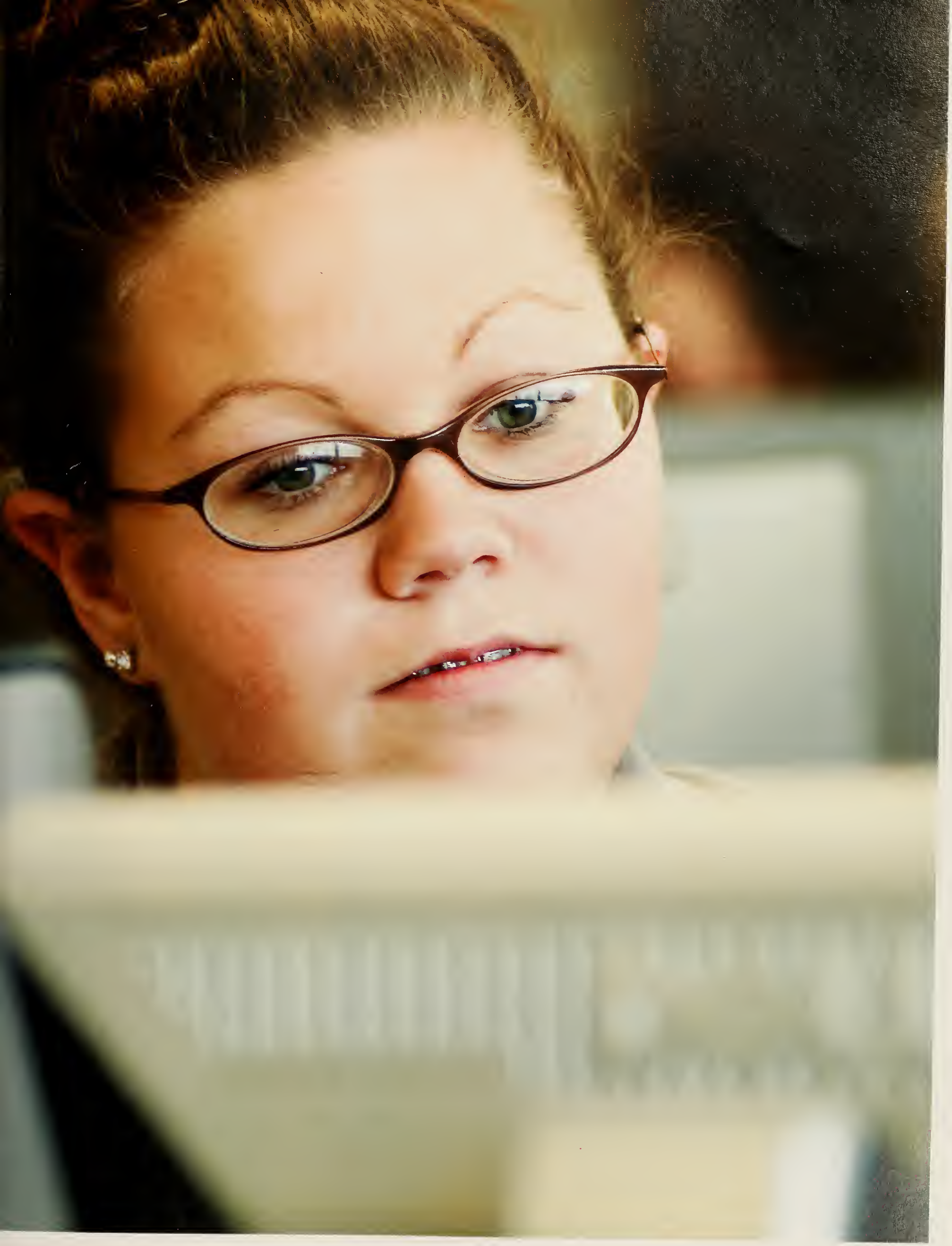
Photo: Eric Gendron of South Barre with Business Professor Dr. Michael T. Greenwood

"Week day, week night, web, whenever"

Dawn Gilliatt of Templeton, a single mother of three teenagers, opted to pursue a degree in business administration online. "It's a huge convenience."

During FY10:

- 30 percent off all MWCC students took an online course
- Almost 14 percent of ALL credits generated were from online courses.
- Total credits generated by online courses increase by 21% from FY09 to FY10.



Relevant and Responsive Academics

Integrating New Technology Into the Classroom

The notes that MWCC faculty make on the whiteboard at the front of the classroom can now be recorded and saved for student use through MimioTeach. MimioTeach magnetically mounts to a whiteboard, and through the use of a stylus pen and computer hook-up, notes are recorded and can be saved and shared. MimeoTeach is being installed in six labs. "This is helping us to keep our science labs competitive," says Janice Barney, dean of the School of Business, Science, and Technology. MimioTeach equipment and software is partly funded by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant.

$215,000 Grant Opens Access to Healthcare Careers

Students whose placement tests suggest a developmental math or English class, and who enroll in certain allied health courses or certificate programs, can now benefit from an accelerated program, and extra assistance, to help them complete their education and attain a career in healthcare. **The program provides remediation and tailored coursework to students in nurse assisting, phlebotomy, EKG technician, medical coding & billing, or allied health.** A new multi-media Math/Computer Center with 24 computers was constructed and is being used as a learning lab and instructional classroom. Benefits of the program include additional tutors for math classes; guidance & services referrals from a career coach specialist; and job placement assistance. This opportunity is made possible by a $215,000 grant from the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund, administered by Commonwealth Corporation for the Mass. Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

Fulbright Scholar Offers International Perspective on Business

Ondřej Částek, an economics instructor at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic, joined MWCC as a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence during the fall. Částek co-taught Principles of Management and Business Ethics with Associate Professor of Business John Reilly. Částek is MWCC's third Fulbright Scholar and second Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence. Several MWCC professors also have participated in Fulbright Scholarship programs.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Ondřej Částek, and his wife Zuzana Částková, with Professor Madhu Sharma, a former Fulbright Scholar, and Professor Bonnie Toothaker, coordinator of international education.

MWCC Introduces New In-demand Programs

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Energy Management Certificate and Degree

Recognizing green technology as a burgeoning field in Massachusetts, MWCC proposed the new Energy Management program to the Department of Higher Education, and received approval in December 2009. The first of its type in New England, this program prepares students for a variety of existing and emerging careers in green technologies or to transfer into engineering, energy management, building technology or sustainability-related programs of study.

These programs are for students interested in careers in the energy efficiency and clean energy field, such as energy management specialists, resource conservation project assistants, compliance analysts, energy auditors, building performance retrofit specialists, sustainability coordinators or building controls technicians.

Accounting Option Degree

(a Degree in Business Administration—Career)

Accounting is the number one college degree sought by employers again this year. Students in this program learn the basic principles of accounting for the preparation of internal reports related to the management and decision-making process of a firm.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Bridge to Nursing Degree

In response to great demand, MWCC began offering current LPNs a formalized bridge program to complete requirements for the Nursing Associate Degree. The first class began in May with 30 LPNs enrolled.

Medical Coding & Billing Certificate

In response to growing demand, MWCC introduced the Medical Coding & Billing Certificate. Students learn about assigning codes to medical diagnoses, procedures and services for which the healthcare providers will be reimbursed and facilitating the claims paying process.

Photography Certificate

In response to great demand from incoming students, MWCC began offering the Photography Certificate. Students explore careers in studio/portrait photography, commercial photography, photojournalism and digital imaging, or continue their education to obtain an associate degree.

Pre-engineering Track Degree

(a Degree in Liberal Studies)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, engineering careers are expected to hold steady over the next decade. Students receive a solid foundation in mathematics, chemistry, physics, and computer science to transfer into any engineering science degree.

98.8% rank an MWCC education as *"excellent," "very good,"* or *"good."* *

**according to a survey of 2008 graduates*

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Transforming Lives Through Service

In FY2010, MWCC students completed more than 20,000 hours of service to the community through service learning projects and volunteerism. Whether they were crunching numbers on income tax returns, helping the Molly Bish Foundation provide child safety I.D. kits, administering flu shots to senior citizens, or participating in a host of other activities, MWCC students made a difference in the lives of others.

The college was again named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.

Dawn-Marie Gould, Ashburnham

Awards Recognize Students' Commitment to Service

During MWCC's annual Evening of Excellence in May 2010, two students were selected to receive Service Learning Awards for their outstanding endeavors over the past year.

Nursing student Dawn-Marie Gould, president of the 2010 nursing class, volunteered more than 875 hours as a doula at Heywood Hospital, helping deliver babies.

Christina Lajoie, Fitchburg

Christina Lajoie, an Early Childhood Education (ECE) major, student trustee for the 2010-2011 academic year and president of the ECE Club, volunteered in numerous capacities for projects and programs benefiting young children and local nonprofit agencies.

Fact: *MWCC students completed more than 20,000 hour of service during FY10*

Historic Past + Technology = City Keepsake

As a service learning project focusing on the City of Gardner's 225th Anniversary, Computer Graphic Design student Barbara Stowell of Royalston paired the sketches of the late James D. Murphy, former chair of the MWCC Board of Trustees, with the writings of MWCC Professor Emeritus Tom Malloy, to create a commemorative booklet celebrating the city's historic past. As part of the project, Stowell also designed a walking tour guide of the "Chair City of the World."

Pictured: President Asquino, Professor Sheila Murphy, Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke, Barbara Stowell, Tom Malloy

FY10:
A Culture of Service Learning

- 142 projects/sites
- 26 service learning faculty
- 34 service learning course
- 395 students participated

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Educating in So Many Ways *transforming lives*

Education That Extends Beyond the Classroom

Studies show that students who participate in outside activities have better attendance, make better grades, and tend to continue their education further than those who don't. Recognizing this, MWCC offers 19 groups and clubs, year-round student leadership programs that include over 15 leadership workshops, and a variety of diversity events and civic engagement projects every year. Some activities this year have included alternative spring break where students work for Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts, as well as programs creating care packages for troops overseas.

For the fifth consecutive year, MWCC was the only community college in Massachusetts to offer an emerging student leadership camp for incoming students to ensure they become engaged in campus life.

"At MWCC, we seek to educate the "whole person."

-Daniel M. Asquino, President, MWCC

Theatre at the Mount: A Cultural Center in North Central Massachusetts

For over 30 years, MWCC's Theatre at the Mount (TAM) has entertained and inspired community members. Hallmarks of TAM's success include:

- Five main stage productions annually
- 1,300 subscribers; 20,000 attend performances
- Two annual children's productions for local elementary schools; the spring show brings 5,000 students to campus; the fall show tours to 10 to 12 local schools
- Summer drama camp programs involve 250 children in theatre, each year
- The TAM High School Musical Theatre Competition recognizes excellence in 22 local high schools
- TAM has been the recipient of numerous awards and nominations from both the New England Theatre Conference and Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theatres.

Fitness & Wellness Center *Creates a Healthier Community*

MWCC's Fitness & Wellness Center is the largest, most comprehensive fitness center in the region offering over 50 group fitness classes, children's camps and community education programs, a full range of work-out equipment, and much more. The center had nearly 5,000 members and over 300,000 visits last year from its members, guests, and the general public.

This year, through a series of grants from National Grid and the Division of Capital Asset Management, the center was able to reduce its energy consumption by installing a retractable pool cover and a state-of-the-art filtration system, saving over 72,000 gallons of water per year, plus the cost of heating and treating that water.

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Expanding Outreach Through Off-site Locations

Leominster Campus Offers Programs in Demand by Working Adults

Located close to Route 2 and offering courses in an eight-week cycle format, the Leominster Campus largely serves a nontraditional/adult population. Its English-as-a-Second Language program also provides English education to residents in the Fitchburg/Leominster region.

Devens Campus Named Center for Emerging Technology and Healthcare

As businesses and organizations focused on health and technology continue to move into the Devens region, President Asquino announced that the campus would be dedicated to satisfying the needs of these growing industries.

Programs include:

- Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing
- Energy Management
- Licensed Practical Nurse Bridge to Nursing Degree
- Medical Coding & Billing
- Medical Office
- Nurse Aide
- Physical Therapist Assistant

Burbank Campus Provides Critical Dental Services

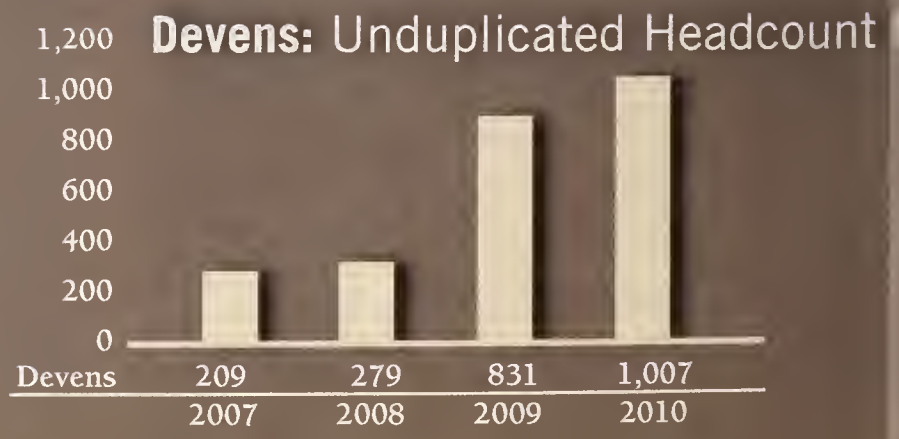
MWCC's Burbank Campus houses MWCC's Dental Hygiene program. The program is in the same building as Community Health Connections, Dental Services, a clinic that serves low-income patients on the HealthAlliance Burbank Campus. Students help attend to the clinic's high volume of dental care cases.

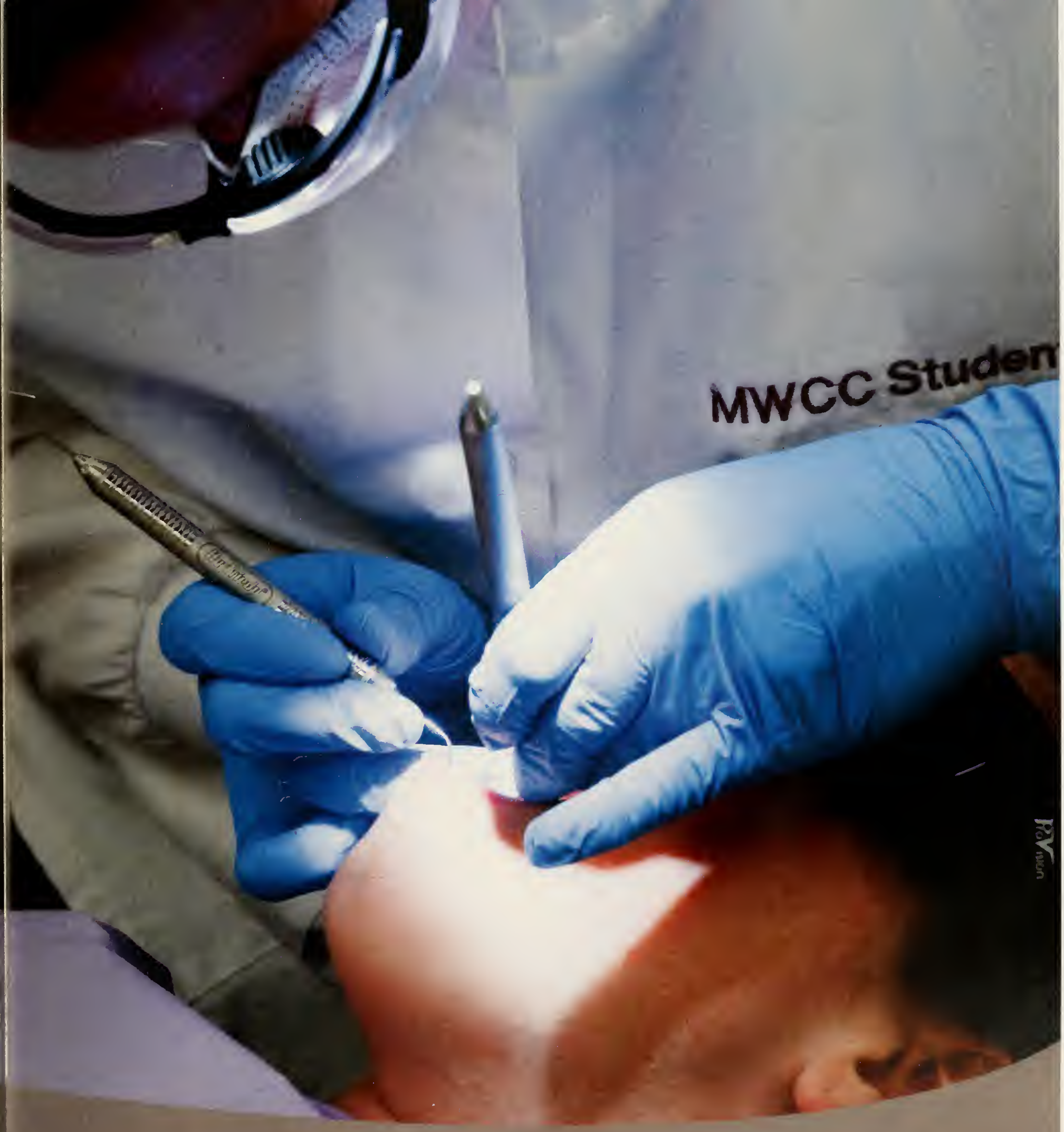
Get the facts:

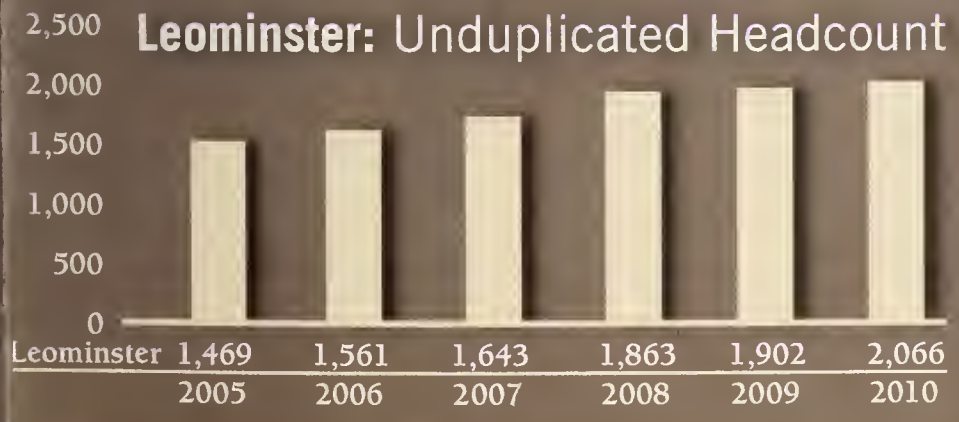
Enrollment has grown:

- *79% at the Devens Campus since it opened in 2007*
- *29% at the Leominster Campus over the last five years*

Source: HEIRS Annual Files







During FY10, 100 percent of the students taking the Dental Hygiene licensure exam passed the written and clinical portions. One hundred percent achieved a 90 percent or better on the written portion of the exam and 38 percent received a perfect score on the clinical portion.

transforming lives Meaningful Community Partnerships

Building Sustainable Community Organizations

Six local nonprofit organizations were awarded $90,000 in funding through a federal Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) grant administered by MWCC's Institute for Nonprofit Development (INPD). The INPD, a program of the college's Center for Democracy & Humanity, was awarded a three-year, $600,000 grant in 2007 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide local nonprofits with intensive, collaborative strategic and financial planning. As an intermediary organization of the CCF, the INPD is required to re-grant at least $80,000 to community and faith-based organizations each year.

$18,000 Grant Transforms Local Nonprofit

WHEAT Community Services was one of several agencies awarded $18,000 to fund significant organizational development. MWCC student intern Taryn Holly administered a community impact survey that began the strategic planning process.

"We described it here as a golden moment in the history of the agency," said Jim Sheehan, executive director of the multi-service agency that provides food, clothing, temporary shelter, fuel and rental assistance and other support services to residents in need in the towns of Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Lancaster and Sterling.

Rehabilitation Center for Wounded Combat Veterans Opens

Nearly 300 gathered in October 2009 to dedicate the Northeast Veteran Training and Rehabilitation Center, located on 10 acres of land at MWCC's Gardner Campus. The residential facility, serving wounded combat veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, began housing its first residents in January. The center contains a rehabilitation building and 20 two-bedroom apartments located in 10 duplex houses to accommodate single veterans and veterans with families.

Partnering with Business and Community

- A training and education program targeted for Athol center was approved through a $30,000 HUD Grant.
- MWCC helped four local businesses and organizations attain workforce training grants totaling more than $200,000.
- MWCC will provide Adult Basic Education and English for Speakers of Other Language courses to entry-level employees at UMass Memorial Health Care through a $146,000 Learn at Work Grant.
- Forty local unemployed and under-employed are receiving job retraining through healthcare certificates thanks to a $193,000 grant from the Commonwealth Corporation, administered by MWCC in partnership with the North Central Workforce Investment Board.

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This year the foundation contributed over ***$300,000,*** *to support our students' financial needs. Scholarship funds, book vouchers, childcare stipends, and emergency funds many times make the difference between a student being able to stay in school and complete his or her educational goal.*

Please consider MWCC in your giving plan. One hundred percent of your gift goes directly to support the students and academic programs of the college.

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K-12 Partnerships Prepare Local Teens for College

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Annually, over 2,500 local teens achieve higher levels of success through an array of free College Access & Preparation Programs administered by MWCC's Division of Access & Transition in partnership with area school districts. The grant-funded programs help students successfully advance through middle and high school and into college, then into the workforce.

Gateway to College Provides Second Chance

The Gateway to College program is for students ages 16 to 20 who have dropped out of high school, are at risk of dropping out, or are significantly behind in credits. The dual-credit program, initiated at MWCC in 2006 with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and its partners, has since matured into a self-sustaining model partnering with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District in Orange.

Lauren Laperriere, Gardner

Local Teen Simultaneously Graduates from High School & College

Like many 18-year-olds, Lauren Laperriere set out for college this fall to earn a bachelor's degree. But unlike her teenage peers, Laperriere was already halfway finished with her degree! In May 2010, she became the first Gateway to College student at MWCC—and in the state—to complete an associate degree while simultaneously earning her high school diploma. Laperriere, who had missed much of her traditional freshman year due to illness, earned a degree in Broadcasting and Electronic Media, then transferred to Brandeis University to pursue a bachelor's degree in communications.

Reversing the "Summer Slide"

The Summer Bridge program ensures area high school students have access to high quality instruction during the summer. During this past summer, **130 students earned college credits through the program.**

Students participate for a variety of reasons. Some are current high school students who take the classes as a dual enrollment option; some are in need of remedial support and count on the instruction to pass the MCAS exam; and others plan to enroll at MWCC, and want to get a head start.

The program is funded through grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Workforce Investment Board's STEM grant, as well as MWCC Foundation, Inc.

making college a reality for over 2,500 students

Alumni of MWCC's Educational Talent Search program at Leominster High School returned to the high school in January 2010 to share stories about college life with current program participants. Pictured, front row: Cathy Tang, Kelly Saintelus, and Paige-Ashlee Bennett; and back row: Elizabeth Burgos, Ashley Rivera, and Jessica Montalvo.

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MWCC Foundation, Inc. Provides

MWCC Foundation Inc.
Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century

Ensuring access to affordable, quality education by providing scholarship funds remains a top priority for the MWCC Foundation, Inc. board. More than ever, it has become critical to prepare students to participate in the worldwide economy, help businesses remain competitive and build healthy communities.

Sterilite Corporation Donates $1.1 Million to Support MWCC Students

For more than 70 years, Sterilite Corporation's household storage products have helped make everyday life easier. Now, through a generous donation from the Townsend-based company, financing a college education will become easier for MWCC students.

In September 2009, Sterilite announced it was donating $2 million to the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts to provide scholarships and other support services to students at MWCC and Fitchburg State University. **Both colleges will receive $1 million, and will distribute $100,000 a year to students through the new funding.**

At MWCC, the new contribution was paired with an additional $100,000 donation from the company to create the Sterilite Scholarship and Student Success Fund. During the academic year, $100,000 in Sterilite scholarships were awarded to MWCC students.

Fitchburg resident Cheyne Ordonio, a Liberal Arts Communications major, was one of the grateful recipients. "This award has meant the difference between remaining in school or not," he said.

Pictured: MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino & Fitchburg State College President Robert V. Antonucci were joined by students to announce a combined $2 million donation to the two institutions for student scholarships from Townsend-based Sterilite Corporation.

Campus Community Engaged in Student Success

MWCC employees have contributed over $106,000 to support student scholarship funds and campus initiatives. Dr. Michael T. Greenwood, chair of MWCC's business department, and Julie Crowley, director of MWCC's Devens Campus, led the on-campus fundraising initiatives. "We are very excited about the response we have received."

Access to Education

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Faheem Muhammad, Athol

Future Leaders in the Making

Faheem Muhammad, a student leader on campus, was recognized during the college's annual Evening of Excellence with the Peter J. Trainor Leadership Award. The award was established in honor of long-serving MWCC professor and administrator Peter J. Trainor, whose unwavering dedication and commitment to MWCC endured over four decades.

Established in spring 2009, the award is presented yearly to a student who most exemplifies the traits demonstrated by Vice President Trainor.

Muhammad, who graduated in May with an associate degree in Computer Information Systems, was a recognized student leader during the past two years. He served as co-president of the International Club, participated in Student Life's Leadership for Life program, and was among the students who initiated a fundraising drive to benefit victims of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. **In fall 2010, he transferred to Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science.**

The foundation established four new scholarship funds:

- *Peter J. Trainor Leadership Award*
- *James D. Murphy Memorial Fund*
- *Melissa Herr Marsh Memorial Scholarship*
- *Edward H. Stevens Scholarship Fund*

MWCC Honors 2009 Citizens of the Year

MWCC Foundation, Inc. honored Fitchburg businessman J. Paul Gauvin as the 2009 Harold E. Drake, Jr. Citizen of the Year, and the Huhtala Oil Company of East Templeton as the 2009 Harold E. Drake, Jr. Corporate Citizen of the Year during its annual Foundation Dinner. Outstanding MWCC students who receive foundation scholarship funds also were honored.

The award is presented in memory of Harold E. Drake, treasurer and former president of Royal Steam Heater Co. and Lynde Hardware & Supply, Inc.

Pictured. From left Jay Davis Drake, MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino, Paul Gauvin, Foundation Executive Director Darlene Morrilly, Paul Huhtala, David Huhtala, Foundation Co-chair William E. Aubuchon III.

Did you know?

During FY10, MWCC Foundation awarded $220,500 in scholarship funds to students.

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FY10 Year in Review

MWCC's 45th Commencement Celebrates Success & Honors Sacrifice

In May 2010, MWCC awarded 914 associate degrees and certificates to 712 graduates during its 45th Commencement. Gardner native and entrepreneur Joyce Landry, co-founder and CEO of the cruise-event company Landry & Kling, Inc., delivered the keynote address.

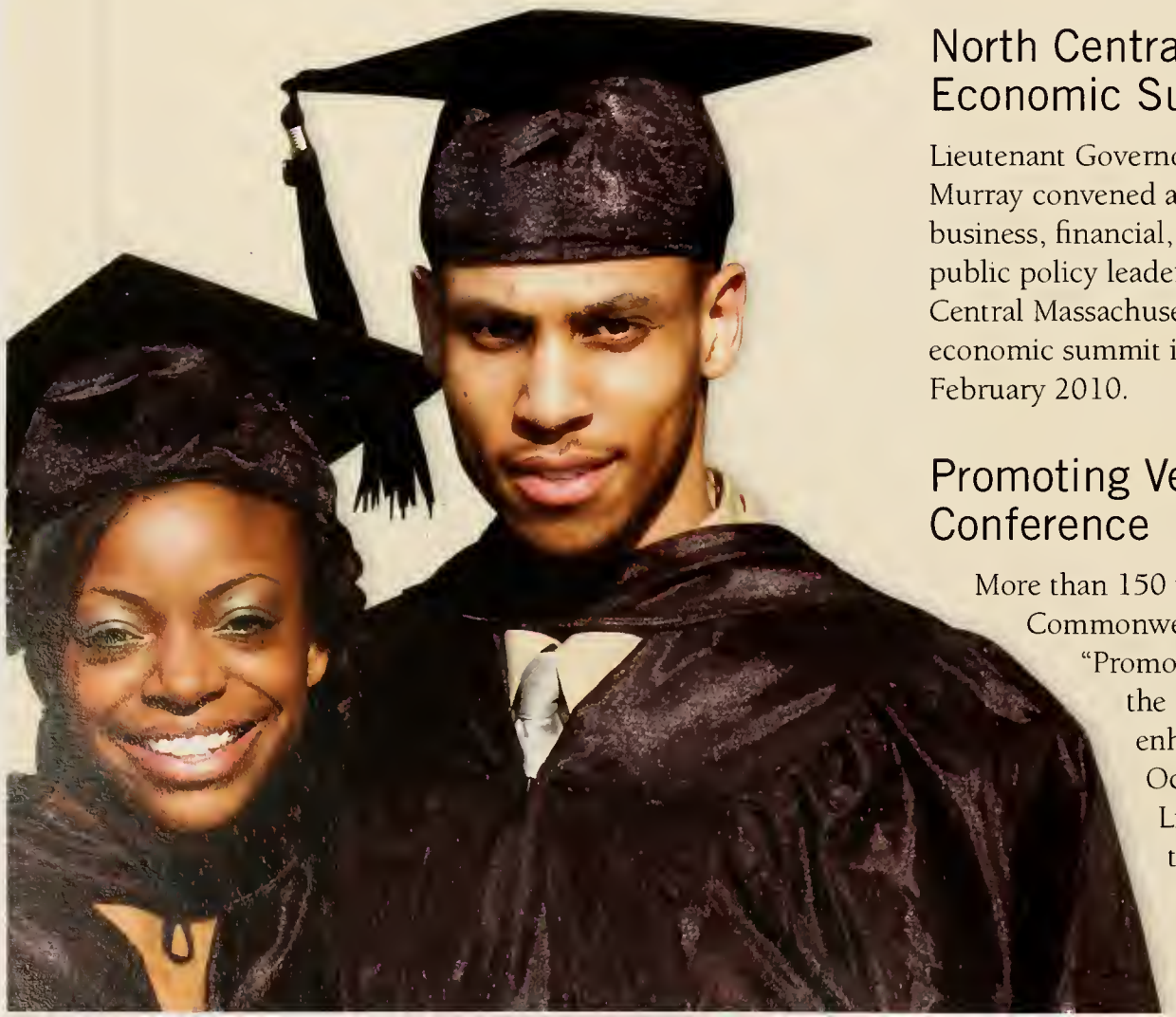
Joyce Landry

Service Above Self Awards were presented to Leslie Lightfoot, founder and CEO of the Fitchburg-based Veteran Homstead, Inc., and David Rodgers, senior vice president of commercial development for Workers Credit Union, for their longstanding volunteer service to the community and to those in need.

Harold E. Brown, Jr.

James D. Murphy, an active community volunteer for more than six decades, and the first chair of MWCC's Board of Trustees, was posthumously awarded an honorary doctorate, and Professor Herbert Gelbwasser, received the emeritus award for 45 years of service teaching chemistry and mathematics.

During the ceremony, the 2010 Alumnus of the Year Award was presented posthumously to American hero and 1992 alumnus Harold E. Brown, Jr., a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve who served the country in Bosnia, the Persian Gulf and Iraq. A native of Bolton, husband, and father of three, he was among the seven CIA agents who died in an attack on their base in the Khost Province of Afghanistan in December 2009.



North Central Massachusetts Economic Summit

Lt. Governor Timothy P. Murray

Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray convened a cross-section of business, financial, education and public policy leaders from North Central Massachusetts for a regional economic summit in Leominster in February 2010.

Promoting Veteran-Friendly Campuses Conference

More than 150 representatives from colleges across the Commonwealth came to MWCC for a conference on "Promoting Veteran-Friendly Campuses Under the Post 9/11 GI Bill," to discuss ways to enhance services to student veterans. The October 2009 conference was sponsored by Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray, the Department of Higher Education, the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services and MWCC.

FY11 Looking Ahead

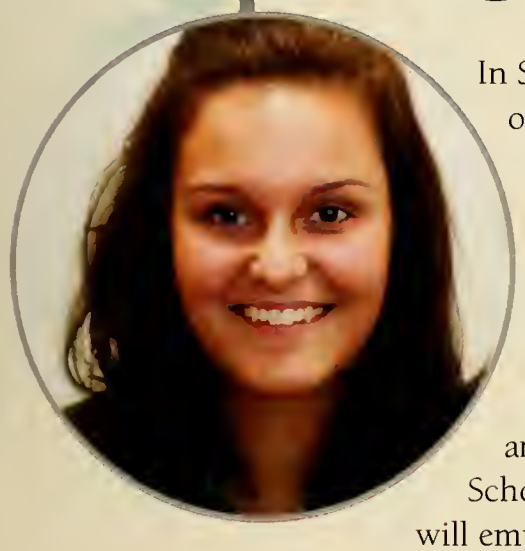
Using Wind Technology to Become Energy Independent

In August 2010, construction began on the long-anticipated wind turbine project at the Gardner Campus, expanding the college's existing renewable energy sources in biomass and solar energy. The components of the two 1.65 MW Vestas V82 wind turbines were delivered in September, for construction in late fall into early winter.

The $9 million wind project is being funded through a variety of sources, including $3.2 million in U.S. Department of Energy grants secured by Congressman John Olver; $2.1 million from a low interest Clean Renewable Energy Bond (CREB) made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery act; and $3.7 million from Massachusetts Clean Energy Investment Bonds.

President Asquino said the wind project is coming to fruition after more than six years of planning, and with the support of Governor Deval Patrick's administration and Congressman John Olver. "With the turbines, biomass and solar energy, we'll be the most energy-independent college or university in New England. That's money we can put back into the classrooms."

Pathways Early College Innovation School Opens at MWCC



In September 2010, the Pathways Early College Innovation School opened at MWCC, providing Massachusetts teenagers with the opportunity to save time and money by earning their high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously.

The Pathways school, created in partnership with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District in Orange, is one of two Innovation Schools that opened in fall 2010 under Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's education reform bill, and the first geared toward high school students. Innovation Schools function as in-district, charter-like public schools that will employ the same inventive strategies and creative approaches to education that exist in many of the state's top performing charter schools—all while keeping school funding within districts.

Beginning as high school juniors, students in cohorts of 20 will enroll in college-level courses year-round, and will receive individualized academic and career support, participate in internships and other employment opportunities to develop strong professional skills, and have access to all college amenities and services.

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MWCC is an accredited, public, two-year institution serving North Central Massachusetts with campuses in Gardner, Fitchburg, Leominster and Devens. The college offers over 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as adult basic education/ GED programs, education and training for business and industry, and noncredit community service programs. MWCC students enjoy many support services and resources including the Fitness & Wellness Center, the Academic Support Center, The Center for Democracy & Humanity, and the 555-seat Theatre at the Mount. Courses are offered days, evenings, online, and in other convenient formats.

Associate Degrees

Allied Health, Art, Auto. Tech., Biotechnology, Broadcasting and Electronic Media, Business Admin., Clinical Lab. Science, Massage Therapy, Computer Graphic Design (print and web), Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Dental Hygiene, Early Childhood Education, Energy Management, General Studies, Human Services, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Manufacturing, Medical Assisting, Natural Resources, Nursing, Paralegal, Physical Therapist Assistant

Certificates

Allied Health, Accounting, Auto. Tech., Biotechnology, Business Admin., Complementary Health Care, Computer Graphic Design (print and web), Energy Management, Human Services Technician, IT Support Specialist, Law Enforcement, Medical Coding & Billing, Medical Office, Office Assistant, Paralegal, Practical Nurse, Small Business Management

Accreditations

Mount Wachusett Community College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Several programs have additional, industry-specific accreditations.

Notice of Non-discrimination

MWCC seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, genetic information, gender, marital status, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other protected classes.

Unduplicated headcount	**12,340**
Credit	
Credit course registrations	29,149
Annual credit headcount	6,790
Full time	42%
Part time	58%
Female	65%
Male	35%
Average age	28.7
Percent FY09 credit headcount by age	
Under 18	1%
18 - 19	10%
20 - 24	37%
25 - 34	25%
35 - 49	18%
50 - 65	6%
over 65	0%
No age provided	2%
Students with previous college experience	71%
Degree-seeking student who received need-based financial aid	52%
Average class size	15:3
Noncredit	
Total noncredit course registrations	14,015
Workforce development registrations	12,752
Number of students graduated in 2010	**789**
Associate degrees	519
Certificates	270
Career preparation	
Placement rate for career program graduates	87%
MWCC licensure exam pass rate:	
Clinical Laboratory Science	100%
Dental Hygiene	100%
Nursing	84%
Practical Nursing	87%

College Finances

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MWCC Financial Operations

FY Revenues	FY10	FY09
State Appropriations	12,522,521	15,104,632
Capital Funding	866,691	129,998
Tuition and Fees	16,454,301	13,751,750
Grants	18,038,677	11,853,629
Other Income	2,970,091	2,765,323
Total Revenue	**$50,852,281**	**$43,605,332**

FY10 REVENUES

- Capital Funding -2%
- Grants -35%
- Tuition and Fees -32%
- State Appropriations -25%
- Other Income -6%

FY Expenditures		
Instruction	12,651,972	12,184,754
Scholarships	8,227,939	5,581,696
Student Services	7,895,402	7,483,911
Academic Support	4,996,043	5,391,525
Maintenance & Plant	5,351,695	5,270,943
Institutional Support	4,557,631	4,537,128
Public Service	734,013	1,050,795
Auxiliary Enterprise	1,389,219	1,284,958
Total Expenditures	**$45,803,914**	**$42,785,710**
Increase in Net Assets	**$5,048,367**	**$819,622**

FY10 EXPENDITURES

- Academic Support -11%
- Auxillary Enterprise -3%
- Institutional Support -10%
- Instruction -28%
- Maintenance & Plant -12%
- Public Services -1%
- Scholarships -18%
- Student Services -17%

*Audited financial statements are available at the LaChance Library

MWCC Foundation, Inc. Statement of Activities (June 30)

FY Revenues	FY10	FY09
Grants and Contributions	298,204	1,344,364
Fundraising and Appeals	106,370	61,450
Investment Returns	406,567	(336,045)
Other Income	-	-
Total Revenue	**$811,141**	**$1,069,769**

FY Expenditures:		
Program services:		
Academic Support	420,527	477,895
Fundraising	36,204	27,178
Management Fees	115,647	99,523
Professional and Investment Fees	18,701	11,613
Office Costs	5,745	2,641
Misc	518	666
Insurance	1,453	1,451
Total Expenses	**$598,795**	**$620,967**
Increase (Decrease In Net Assets)	$212,346	$448,802

MWCC Foundation, Inc. Statement of Activities

FY REVENUES

- Grants & Contributions -3%
- Fundraising & Appeals -13%
- Investment Returns -50%

EXPENSES:
Program Services:

- Academic Support -70%
- Fundraising -6%
- Management Fee -20%
- Professional & Investment Fees -3%
- Office Costs -1%

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On the cover...

Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) alumna Michelle Rattanavong, current vice president of the Alumni Association at MWCC, started on her career path as a teenage mother, overwhelmed and unsure of which steps to take to make something of herself. She found herself stepping onto the MWCC Leominster Campus as both the first person in her family to attend college and as a full-time worker uncertain about how she would juggle school, work, and a family. Thankfully, with the help of faculty and staff at MWCC, as well as the flexible class schedule, balancing all her life's activities was less complicated than she ever could have imagined. "The professors helped me get through something I never thought I'd be able to do," said Rattanavong.

Rattanavong now works full-time as the Marketing & Leasing Manager at Twin City Shopping Center in Leominster for Geronimo Properties, Inc., where she is in charge of marketing, leasing, and tenant relations. Rattanavong also has her own business. Precise Event Planning is in its second year and is an enormous success.

"I never would have had the courage to start a business if I didn't have the educational background from the 'Mount,'" Rattanavong added.